

# Jean Wilson fonds

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# Fonds Description

**Jean Wilson fonds.** – 1976-2011.

5 cm. of textual records.

## Biographical Sketch

Jean Wilson became friends with Jane Rule through correspondence which began in 1975. Wilson then lived in Toronto, working as an editor at University of Toronto Press (UTP), but the following spring relocated to Vancouver and started life as a freelance editor, mainly for UTP but also for UBC Press and a variety of other publishers and individuals. Soon after she moved, she travelled to Galiano Island to meet Jane Rule and Helen Sonthoff in person, and early in 1977, with encouragement from them, moved to Galiano herself. There she rented for the next 3 1/2 years a variety of houses and became very much part of Jane and Helen's life and that of their many friends and acquaintances. Although she loved life on the island, and being closely tied to Jane and Helen, working as a freelance editor came to be a lot of work in itself, so she reluctantly moved back to Toronto, where she lived for four more years before finally deciding that the west coast really was the place to be and where she returned in 1984. After another four years in Vancouver as a freelance editor she joined UBC Press in 1988 as Managing Editor and 20 years later, in 2008, retired as Senior Editor/Associate Director. Wilson currently lives on Vancouver Island, near Sidney – freelancing once again.

## Scope and Content

The fonds consists of incoming correspondence primarily from writer Jane Rule (1976-1983) and to a lesser extent from her partner Helen Sonthoff. It also includes copies of miscellaneous articles and columns by and about Jane Rule collected by Jean Wilson.

## Notes

File list available.

Title based on the contents of the fonds.

# File List

## Correspondence (1976-1983)

- 1-1      1976 – Incoming/Outgoing
  - 9/1/76 JR to JW in response to letter JW sent before Christmas
  - 17/5/76 JR to JW
  - 29/8/76 JR to JW
  - 27/12/76 HS to JW
  
- 1-2      1977 – Incoming
  - 7/02/77 JR to JW [postcard]
  - 15/02/77 JR to JW [2 postcards]
  - 17/02/77 JR to JW
  
- 1-3      1978 – Incoming
  - 9/01/78 JR to JW
  - 9/02/78 JR to JW
  - 23/12/78 JR to JW [postcard]
  - 29/12/78 HS to JW [postcard]
  
- 1-4      1979 – Incoming
  - 17/01/79 JR to JW
  - 18/01/79 HS to JW [postcard]
  - 10/01/79 HS to JW
  - 1/02/79 HS to JW
  - 16/02/79 JR to JW
  
- 1-5      1980 – Incoming
  - 11/02/80 JR to JW
  - 10/04/80 JR to JW
  - 17/04/80 HS to JW
  - 6/11/80 JR to JW
  - 3/11/80 JR to JW
  
- 1-6      1981 – Incoming
  - 26/05/81 JR to Eve Zaremba
  - 29/11/81 JR to JW
  - 19/12/81 JR to JW

27/12/81 JR to JW

27/12/81 Copy of letter from JR to Elspeth Cameron sent to JW

1-7 1982 – Incoming

1/03/82 JR to JW

20/04/82 JR to JW

15/07/82 JR to JW

27/09/82 JR to JW

22/11/82 JR to JW

13/12/82 JR to JW

27/12/82 JR to JW

1-8 1983 – Incoming

6/07/83 JR to JW

9/08/83 JR to JW

3/10/83 HS to JW

28/11/83 JR to JW

1-9 Undated – Incoming

5 cards or letters from JR and HS to JW

Misc. Published Articles and Columns by and about J. Rule (1976-2011)

1-10 Misc. Articles about Jane Rule (1976-2011)

1-11 Misc. Articles by Jane Rule (1979-1983)